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MISSION

The mission of the Albany County Sheriff's Department is to ensure the public safety of Albany County residents as the conservator of the peace and enforcement officer of the courts.

The mission of the Correctional Facility is to ensure the safety of Albany County residents by controlling and caring for arrested individuals remanded to the custody of the County Sheriff.

The mission of the Enhanced 911 (Emergency Telephone) program is to implement and maintain an easy-to-use countywide telephone system for all households and businesses. The E-911 system eliminates potential delays and confusion when summoning emergency assistance by providing seamless countywide communication among police, fire and emergency medical services.

The mission of the STOP-DWI Program is to reduce alcohol and drug-related traffic injuries and fatalities by targeting underage alcohol and drug use through enforcement, prosecution, public information and education, victim services and rehabilitation support.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The **Civil Unit** executes the service and enforcement of court processes by executing criminal and civil warrants and enforcing civil judgments.

The **Court Security and Transport Unit** provides security services to the local Unified Court System and transports adult prisoners to State correctional facilities and certain juvenile offenders to detention facilities. Court security personnel enforce the laws in the courtrooms, provide protection for judges, jurors and all court participants, transport prisoners and handle all emergencies that arise during court proceedings. Security services and court attendants are reimbursed by the State Office of Court Administration.

The **Airport Substation** provides security services at the Albany International Airport.

The **Patrol Station** patrols highways and conducts investigations in areas of the County lacking other police service and maintains seasonal snowmobile and waterway patrol service. It also supports the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in local schools.

The **Emergency Medical Services Unit** provides Advanced Life Support service in the southern and western portions of the County.

The **Critical Incident Management Unit** provides on-scene coordination involving natural and man-made disasters that involve multi-agency, multi-disciplinary responses.

The **Drug Interdiction Unit** identifies and apprehends drug offenders and deters illegal drug activity through cooperative investigations with other law enforcement agencies in Albany County.

The **Natural Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management Services Unit** provides planning and coordinating

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$30,905,815
1999:	\$31,765,330
2000:	\$35,353,202
2001:	\$41,133,239
2002:	\$42,132,335
2003:	\$46,918,611
2004:	\$49,262,623
2005:	\$51,042,569
2006:	\$55,949,215
2007:	\$56,739,091
2008:	\$62,519,670
2009:	\$63,856,205
2010:	\$63,081,791

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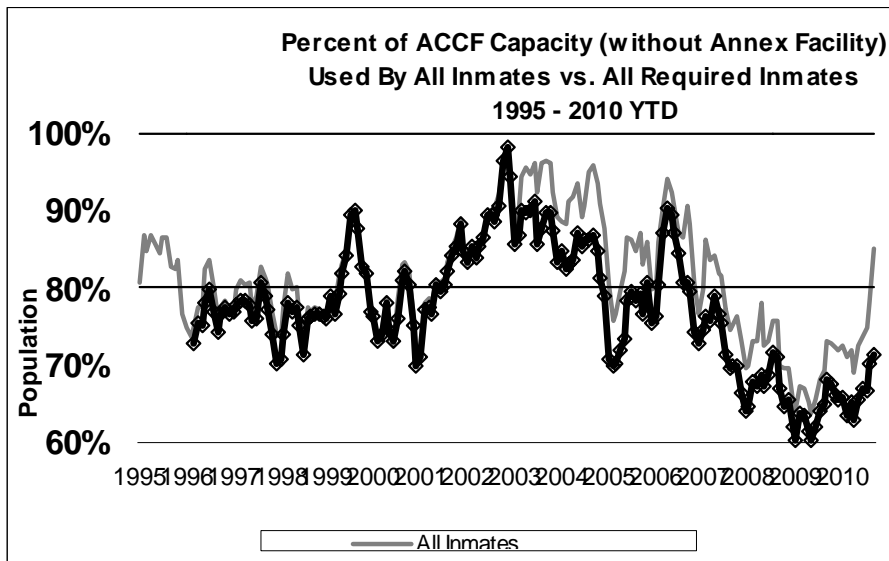
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services to County agencies and local governments in the County to ensure continuity of local government in the event of a disaster.

The **Office of the Fire Coordinator** administers County programs for fire training and mutual aid.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Albany County Correctional Facility operates under the direction of the County Sheriff to provide a secure environment for incarcerated inmates. The programs established at the Facility fulfill the basic living needs of inmates such as meals, clothing, laundry, medical care and daily exercise. In order to maintain good order at the Facility, inmates are properly housed according to age, gender, criminal and psychological history, special medical needs and personal behavior while in custody.



To encourage positive change in behavior and lifestyle, the Facility offers several programs to raise inmate education and skill levels so that they can secure and maintain employment upon re-entering the community. The Work Incentive Program allows inmates to learn job skills within the Correctional Facility. The Work Alternative Program gives them valuable work experience in the community, while providing services to local governments and non-profit organizations. The Correctional Facility also provides counseling programs to reduce instances of domestic violence.

Unused cell space is rented to other governments that have overcrowded facilities or inmates with special needs, which partially offsets the cost of the facility to the County. Albany County Correctional Facility houses a required local population and also a boarder population of individuals who are not arrested in the County. The graph on the adjacent page displays the required and boarder inmates as a percentage of total capacity.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE/E-911

The Albany County E-911 Telephone Program maintains an emergency telephone system for all households and businesses in the County. This system eliminates delays and confusion when summoning emergency aid and provides seamless countywide communication among fire, police and emergency medical services (EMS). This program maintains a standardized addressing system and coordinates training for all County emergency telecommunications employees and dispatchers.

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In addition, the E-911 program maintains Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) for those communities that do not operate their own PSAP, thus doing away with duplicate facilities and personnel. This results in a more economical use of existing services. A PSAP committee is established to maintain minimum standards for physical plant, equipment, staffing and training of personnel. These standards are utilized as a basis for establishing uniform agreements for operation of PSAPs and for implementing agreements for the Countywide purchase of equipment.

STOP-DWI

The Albany County STOP-DWI Program is responsible for administering various "Special Traffic Options Programs" in order to address the dangers of drunk and drugged driving, traffic safety and underage drinking. The STOP-DWI Program is funded from fines collected by New York State from persons convicted of alcohol and substance abuse-related driving offenses.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Executive Budget proposes a year to year decrease of \$1,967,637 or three percent in total appropriations for the Sheriff's Department across all accounts.
- This Budget assumes \$831,000 savings by adopting the food service contract proposed by the Correctional Facility in response to the NYS Comptroller Audit this past year. Similar to the CMS medical contract, all employees will keep their current positions until they choose to retire or leave County service.
- The PSAP consolidation study is progressing as initial interviews and survey of telecommunications staff have been completed. At the present time, analysts are reviewing the data. It is expected that a steering committee will be formed in the near future.
- Stop DWI will be playing a vital role implementing aspects of Leandra's Law, NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law 1192, by monitoring the interlock devices on all conditional discharge sentences in Albany County.
- This Budget assumes the implementation of a Road Patrol Chargeback. This year it consists of a charge for only the increase in costs assumed by the County from 2009 to 2010. It is estimated that the increase will be \$100,919 and this cost will be shared with the ten municipalities that receive this service, based on population.